

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

July 8, 2003

A bill has been introduced in the State Legislature that adds to the rights of foster children currently set forth in California law. AB 458 (Chu) provides that foster children have the right to fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits as well as the right not to be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.

The bill further provides that training for administrators, licensing personnel, licensed foster parents, and relative caretakers must include training about such rights. Finally, AB 458 requires that all persons providing care and services to foster children have fair and equal access to available programs, benefits, services and licensing processes, and shall not be subjected to discrimination or harassment.

AB 458 will protect foster children from the harm caused by discrimination directed at them and/or their caregivers.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board instruct our legislative advocates in Sacramento to support AB 458.

WA I:\AB 458

MOTION

MOLINA	_____
YAROSLAVSKY	_____
KNABE	_____
ANTONOVICH	_____
BURKE	_____